



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

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REPORT TO RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Subject	Budget Consideration 2023-24 to 2025-26

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To inform Members that there are significant changes to the 2023/24 budget and future years arising out of: -
 - Loss of Grant support from Calderdale MBC - £44,151
 - Centre Vale Park Projects Revenue Commitment - £25,000
 - Full Election Year increase in provision - £11,500

Total adverse movement to 2022-23 budget £80,651
- To remind Members that the appointment of a Climate Officer was on a fixed term basis until the end of May 2023.
- To remind Members that an Earmarked Reserve of £44,151 was established to help manage the potential reduction in grant support from Calderdale MBC
- To remind members that the current precept of £275,296 result in the annual precept charges by property band as follows:-

Council Tax Band Charges For Todmorden Town Council Precept 2022/23							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£38.27	£44.65	£51.03	£57.41	£70.17	£82.93	£95.68	£114.82

- To present to Members a range of options to consider for the revenue budget for 2023-24 and projections for 2024-25 and 2025-26 to include: -
 - Option 1 - Full Budget - no use of EMR.
 - Option 2 - Full Budget - use of EMR over 3 years
 - Option3 - Reduced budget – No Climate Officer/Committee Budget

- Option 4 - Reduced budget – No Climate Officer/Committee Budget- use of EMR over 3 years

6. To inform Members that the above options translate into the following summary for 2023-24

	Option 1 Full Budget - no use of EMR.	Option 2 Full Budget - use of EMR over 3 years	Option 3 Reduced budget – No Climate Officer/Committee Budget	Option 4 Reduced budget – No Climate Officer/Committee Budget- use of EMR over 3 years
Income	-£277,646	-£277,646	-£277,646	-£277,646
Expenditure	£371,325	£371,325	£345,992	£345,992
Net increase in budget	£93,679	£93,679	£68,346	£68,346
Use of EMR		-£14,151		-£14,151
Increase after use of EMR	£93,679	£78,962	£68,346	£53,629
% Increase in Precept required	34.24%	28.94%	26.11%	20.81%
Weekly increase in Band D	£0.38p	£0.30p	£0.29p	£0.23p

CONSIDERATIONS

7. The following assumptions have been made in respect of annual increases.

	2023/24	2024/25
Staff annual salary award	4%	2%
Employer pension increase	2%	2%
ENI cont rate	15.05%	15.05%
Income Tax threshold	12570	12570
Third party contractors	3%	3%
Grants	2%	2%
Inflation	5%	5%
Controllable	0%	0%
Energy (Patmos Gardens)	100%	50%

8. The budget is made of a number of known operational costs that without which, the core function of the town council cannot be delivered e.g. staffing and operational costs.
9. There are however very significant areas of discretionary cost, that in simple terms, could be reduced or removed altogether should Members wish to deliver a no precept increase budget.

Town Centre /Security/PCSO's	£37,352
Donations and Grants	£20,400
TH Hire Refund Grants	£5,660
Bandstand Use Grants	£2,500
Education non L/A	£2,000
Events grants	£11,220
Tourism (TIC)	£15,380

Entertainment Arts & Recs	£11,200
Total	£105,712

10. Whilst these represent circa 28% of projected expenditure and 38% of Precept received, these provisions go to the core of the Town Council's ethos as an enabling and facilitating council seeking to strongly support its community.
11. Included in the budget are other items regarding provision into Earmarked Reserves.
- Festive lights replacement £8,300 (to build up funds to replace in year 8 – in year 3 of this)
 - Community Development £5,000 (to help lever in matched funds)
 - Elections £15,000 for 2023/24 then reduced o £3,500 (to provide for 4 yearly election costs and limited casual vacancies).
12. Assuming the tax base is unaltered, the impact of Precept increase in 5% steps would be as follows:

Increase increments by 5%			Assumes tax base of 4795.27 as in 2022/2023							
			Council Tax Band Charges For Todmorden Town Council Precept							
Precept	2023/24 Increase	% increase	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£275,296	#VALUE!	0.00%	£38.27	£44.65	£51.03	£57.41	£70.17	£82.93	£95.68	£114.82
£289,061	£13,765	5.00%	£40.19	£46.88	£53.58	£60.28	£73.68	£87.07	£100.47	£120.56
£302,826	£27,530	10.00%	£42.10	£49.12	£56.13	£63.15	£77.18	£91.22	£105.25	£126.30
£316,590	£41,294	15.00%	£44.01	£51.35	£58.69	£66.02	£80.69	£95.36	£110.04	£132.04
£330,355	£48,177	20.00%	£45.93	£53.58	£61.24	£68.89	£84.20	£99.51	£114.82	£137.78
£344,120	£55,059	25.00%	£47.84	£55.82	£63.79	£71.76	£87.71	£103.66	£119.60	£143.53
£357,885	£68,824	30.00%	£49.76	£58.05	£66.34	£74.63	£91.22	£107.80	£124.39	£149.27
£371,650	£82,589	35.00%	£51.67	£60.28	£68.89	£77.50	£94.73	£111.95	£129.17	£155.01
£385,414	£96,354	40.00%	£53.58	£62.51	£71.44	£80.37	£98.23	£116.10	£133.96	£160.75
			Council Tax Band annual increase For Todmorden Town Council Precept							
Increase			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
0%			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
5%			£1.91	£2.23	£2.55	£2.87	£3.51	£4.15	£4.78	£5.74
10%			£3.83	£4.47	£5.10	£5.74	£7.02	£8.29	£9.57	£11.48
15%			£5.74	£6.70	£7.65	£8.61	£10.53	£12.44	£14.35	£17.22
20%			£7.65	£8.93	£10.21	£11.48	£14.03	£16.59	£19.14	£22.96
25%			£9.57	£11.16	£12.76	£14.35	£17.54	£20.73	£23.92	£28.71
30%			£11.48	£13.40	£15.31	£17.22	£21.05	£24.88	£28.71	£34.45
35%			£13.40	£15.63	£17.86	£20.09	£24.56	£29.02	£33.49	£40.19
40%			£15.31	£17.86	£20.41	£22.96	£28.07	£33.17	£38.27	£45.93
			Council Tax Band weekly increase For Todmorden Town Council Precept							
Increase			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
0%			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
5%			£0.04	£0.04	£0.05	£0.06	£0.07	£0.08	£0.09	£0.11
10%			£0.07	£0.09	£0.10	£0.11	£0.13	£0.16	£0.18	£0.22
15%			£0.11	£0.13	£0.15	£0.17	£0.20	£0.24	£0.28	£0.33
20%			£0.15	£0.17	£0.20	£0.22	£0.27	£0.32	£0.37	£0.44
25%			£0.18	£0.21	£0.25	£0.28	£0.34	£0.40	£0.46	£0.55
30%			£0.22	£0.26	£0.29	£0.33	£0.40	£0.48	£0.55	£0.66
35%			£0.26	£0.30	£0.34	£0.39	£0.47	£0.56	£0.64	£0.77
40%			£0.29	£0.34	£0.39	£0.44	£0.54	£0.64	£0.74	£0.88

13. As of 2022/23 the percentage make up of properties by Council Tax Band was as follows:-

Todmorden % make up of Property by Band							
BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
51.47%	14.80%	11.40%	8.40%	7.67%	4.30%	1.78%	0.03%

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

14. The forecast options 1 to 4 for 2023/24 are based on what is known at the time, but going forward also includes an element of inflationary increases, as outlined in point 7.
15. The tax band for this projected budget is based on the 2022/23 figure as the 23/24 figure will not be available until around November.
16. The proposed options budget do include a cost for the Project Manager for the Town Deal projects as these would be covered by the funding received in relation to this project.
17. The Climate Officer role end at the end of May 2023 . Members have choices to make considering continuance, to chynge focus towards Community Developemtn through new recruitment and or ceease this role altogether.
18. If ceasing this role altogether the associated budget for exenditure has also been removed as no officer would be availabe to work on this.
19. No allowance has been made for any additional budget provision for Todmorden in Bloom should Calderdale MBC introduce charges for installing lampost displays .
20. No allowance has been made for seeking any reduction in Election Costs as a possibility following the decsion of Calderdale MBC to remove grant support.

RECOMMENDATION

21. That Members consider the budget options presented and implications as set out before them and advise which option they wish to be taken forward for all committees and political parties to consider ahead of starting the formal budget setting process.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

22. The Resources Committee is delegated to consider the annual budget ahead of making a recommendation to Full Council to determine the Precept for the ensuing financial year.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

- 23 None directly arising from this report

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

24. None from this report.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

25. Budget provision of £9,000 in total has been made in this report relating to Climate Emergency activity subject to Members deciding to continue with this.

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

26. None arising from this report.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

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| 21. | Appendix 1 – Option 1 | - | 3-year budget detail |
| | Appendix 2 – Option 1 | - | 3-year budget Summary |
| | Appendix 3 – Option 2 | - | 3-year budget detail |
| | Appendix 4 – Option 2 | - | 3-year budget Summary |
| | Appendix 5 – Option 3 | - | 3-year budget detail |
| | Appendix 6 – Option 3 | - | 3-year budget Summary |

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